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MTC – Metropolitan Transportation Commission
CSAC – California State Association of Counties

ABAG – Association of Bay Area Governments
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Assembly Bills	Subject	Status	MTC Position
AB 15 (Nuñez) California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)	Exempts from CEQA, the construction and maintenance of a median barrier on a specified portion of Vasco Road in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. (Introduced 12/4/06)	Assembly	
AB 23 (Ma) Pedestrian Countdown Near Schools or Senior Centers	Requires Caltrans to place and maintain an official control signal that emits a count down pedestrian display at a marked pedestrian crosswalk if that crosswalk crosses a state highway and is within 2,000 feet of a school building or the grounds of that school building or a senior center, as defined. (Introduced 12/4/06)	Assembly	
AB 29 (Hancock) Proposition 1C: Infill Housing Incentive Funds	Requires that, upon appropriation, the \$850 million from Proposition 1C for the Regional Planning, Housing and Infill Incentive Account be made available to the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing for distribution to designated councils of governments (not yet specified) to fund competitive infill incentive grants for local public agencies that meet the following criteria: 1) the local public agency is included in a regional growth plan; 2) the local public agency has conformed its local planning to the regional growth plan by adopting land use policies to provide for growth in certain areas and prohibiting or limiting growth in other areas, consistent with the regional growth plan; and 3) the region meets the requirement for local plan consistency for the current round of funding. (Introduced 12/4/06)	Assembly	
AB 33 (Jeffries) School Transportation Costs Tax Credit	Allows a credit in an amount equal to 20 percent of the school transportation costs, as defined, paid or incurred by a taxpayer during the taxable year. (Introduced 12/4/06)	Assembly	
AB 38 (Nava) State Emergency Preparedness	Provides that the state Office of Homeland Security shall be a subdivision of the state Office of Emergency Services and specifies the duties of the Director of the Office of Homeland Security. (Introduced 12/4/06)	Assembly	
AB 57 (Soto) Safe Routes to School Program	Deletes the January 1, 2008, repeal date for the existing Safe Routes to School Program, thereby extending the provisions indefinitely.	Assembly	

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AB 60 (Nava) Minimum Clearance Requirement for Overtaking a Bicycle	Requires the driver of a motor vehicle overtaking a bicycle that is proceeding in the same direction to pass to the left at a safe distance, at a minimum clearance of 3 feet, without interfering with the safe operation of the overtaken bicycle. The bill would make a violation of this provision an infraction punishable by a \$250 fine. The bill would make it a misdemeanor or felony if a person operates a motor vehicle in violation of the above requirement and that conduct proximately causes great bodily injury, as defined, or death to the bicycle operator. (Introduced 12/4/06)	Assembly	
AB 99 (Feuer) Alternative Fuels	Makes legislative findings and declarations regarding the use of clean, alternative fuels. Declares the intent of the Legislature to ensure that no less than 50 percent of all new cars made available for sale in the state are powered by clean, alternative fuels. (Introduced 12/21/06)	Assembly	
AB 112 (Wolk) Highways: Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zones	Designates the segment of State Highway Route 12 between the State Highway Route 80 junction in Solano County and the State Highway Route 5 junction in San Joaquin County as a Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zone. (Introduced 1/08/07)	Assembly	
AB 117 (Beall) Traffic Offenses: Additional Assessment	Provides that a county may elect to levy an additional assessment upon each base fine, not including other penalty assessments, fees, or additions, imposed and collected by the county for an offense involving the unsafe operation of a motor vehicle upon the highway in violation of the Vehicle Code or a local ordinance adopted pursuant to the Vehicle Code. Requires that the collected assessments be deposited in a Traffic Safety Committee Network Fund. (Introduced 1/9/07)	Assembly	

Senate Bills	Subject	Status	MTC Position
SB 9 (Lowenthal) Trade Corridors Improvement Fund	States the intent of the Legislature to enact urgency legislation that establishes a process for the selection of transportation projects to be funded from the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund, established by Proposition 1B. (Introduced 12/4/06)	Senate Rules Committee	
SB 16 (Flores) Rail Grade Crossings: Automatic Gates	Requires the Public Utilities Commission to order that a public-rail grade crossing be equipped with automatic gates, if it determines in the course of investigating a public-rail grade crossing collision, that it is more likely than not that the collision would not have occurred if the crossing had been equipped with automatic gates, or if the commission determines that the injury to person or property resulting from the collision would have been substantially reduced if the crossing had been equipped with automatic gates. (Introduced 12/4/06)	Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee	
SB 19 (Lowenthal) Air Quality Improvement Account: Proposition 1B	Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact urgency legislation that establishes conditions and criteria, as specified, for projects funded by the \$1 billion account to fund freight-related air quality needs established by Proposition 1B. (Introduced 12/4/06)	Senate	
SB 33 (Simitian) Cell Phone Use While Driving	Beginning on July 1, 2008, prohibits a person possessing a valid instruction permit, student license, or provisional license from driving a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone or a mobile service device, including a handset equipped with a hands-free device. Provides that this prohibition does not apply to a person using a wireless telephone or a mobile service device for emergency purposes. (Introduced 12/4/06)	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	
SB 45 (Perata) Transit Security & Emergency Preparedness Fund: Proposition 1B	States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish the application process for allocations from the Transit System Safety, Security, and Disaster Response Account. (Introduced 12/22/06)	Senate Rules Committee	

Senate Bills	Subject	Status	MTC Position
SB 47 (Perata) State-Local Partnership Program: Proposition 1B	States the intent of the Legislature to enact provisions governing project eligibility, matching fund requirements, and the application process relative to allocation of bond proceeds for the State-Local Partnership Program, established by Proposition 1B. (Introduced 12/22/2006)	Senate Rules Committee	
SB 53 (Ducheny) State Highway System Performance Review	Requires the Department of Transportation to develop specified performance measures to establish an evaluation and rating of the overall quality of the state highway system. Requires an annual report to the Legislature in that regard. (Introduced 1/10/07)	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	
SB 56 (Runner) Design-Build Demonstration Program	Declares the intent of the Legislation to authorize a demonstration program that would allow a careful examination of the benefits and challenges of using a design-build method of procurement for transportation projects. Authorizes certain state and local transportation entities to use a design-build process for contracting on transportation projects. Requires a transportation entity to implement a labor compliance program for design-build projects. Establishes a procedure for submitting bids. (Introduced 1/10/07)	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	
SB 61 (Runner) Public-Private Partnerships	Authorizes the Department of Transportation or regional transportation agency nominating a project to pay a stipend to proposers of a project under certain conditions. Authorizes the department or regional transportation agencies to enter into agreement under which a private entity constructs a transportation project that is operated without the charging of a toll or user fee, but where the private entity receives compensation in the form of a shadow toll or other type of payment. (Introduced 1/17/07)	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	
SB 71 (Florez) Biodiesel Fuel: Required Blend for Public Agencies	Requires all vehicles owned or leased by the state, by a city, county or city and county, or by a mass transit district, that uses diesel fuel to instead use B20 biodiesel fuel or a higher blend of biodiesel. Requires the State Air Resources Board to establish a program to implement and monitor the requirements. (Introduced 1/17/07)	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	

Senate Bills	Subject	Status	MTC Position
SB 74 (Florez) Biodiesel Fuel Sales Tax Exemption	Exempts from sales and use taxes gross receipts from the sale, storage, use, or other consumption of tangible personal property purchased for use in the manufacturing, processing, or production of biodiesel fuel. Exempts from those taxes gross receipts from the sale, storage, use, or other consumption of biodiesel fuel. (Introduced 1/17/07)	Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee	
SB 124 (Ducheny) Toll Evasion: Registered Owner	Defines registered owner, for purposes of liability for a toll evasion violation, to include a person registered as the owner of the vehicle by the appropriate agency or authority of another state, the District of Columbia, or a territory or possession of the United States. (Introduced 1/23/07)	Senate	
SB 140 (Kehoe) Renewable Diesel Fuel	Requires all diesel fuel sold or offered for sale in the state for use in internal combustion engines to contain a percentage of renewable diesel fuel no later than one year after a specified finding is made by the state board, and, no later than 2 years after the implementation of standard. Requires all diesel fuel sold or offered for sale in the state for use in internal combustion engines to contain a percentage of renewable diesel fuel. (Introduced 1/25/07)	Senate	
SB 163 (Migden) Yerba Buena Island Ramps	Requires that, prior to the completion of the transfer of ownership of former naval Station Treasure Island from the federal government to the Treasure Island Development Authority, the department work in cooperation with the authority on design and identifying funding. Authorizes the Department of Transportation and other interests in land for the state to own and operate certain ramps. Makes the ramp connections part of the state highway system. Requires a project study report. (Introduced 1/30/07)	Senate	

Federal Bills	Subject	Status	MTC Position
HR 534 (Lynch) Rail Transit Safety & Security	Provides for the security and safety of rail and rail transit transportation systems, and for other purposes. (Introduced 1/17/07)	House Homeland Security & Transportation & Infrastructure Committees	
HR 535 (Lynch) Rail Worker Emergency Training Program	Provides for a Rail Worker Emergency Training Program. (Introduced 1/17/07)	House Homeland Security Committee	
HR 656 (Reichert) Higher Standards for Automobile Fuel Economy	To require higher standards of automobile fuel efficiency with the goal of reducing the amount of oil used for fuel by automobiles in the United States by 10 percent beginning in 2017, and for other purposes. (Introduced 1/24/07)	House Energy & Commerce Committee	
HR 734 (Pitts) Public Transportation Projects	Allows additional transit systems greater flexibility with certain public transportation projects. (Introduced 1/30/07)	House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee	
S 294 (Lautenberg) Amtrak Reauthorization	A bill to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes. (Introduced 1/7/07)	Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee	
S 357 (Feinstein) Fuel Economy	A bill to improve passenger automobile fuel economy and safety, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce dependence on foreign oil, and for other purposes. (1/22/07)	Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee	

California Legislature
2007-08 Regular Session Calendar

<p>January 2007</p> <p>1 Statutes take effect</p> <p>3 Legislature reconvenes</p> <p>5 Governor's State of the State Address</p> <p>10 Budget must be submitted by Governor</p> <p>26 Last day to submit bill requests to Office of Legislative Counsel</p>	<p>July</p> <p>13 Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills</p> <p>20 Summer recess begins upon adjournment, provided budget bill has been passed</p>
<p>February</p> <p>23 Last day to introduce bills</p>	<p>August</p> <p>20 Legislatures reconvenes from summer recess</p> <p>31 Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the Floor</p>
<p>March</p> <p>29 Spring Recess begins upon adjournment</p>	<p>September</p> <p>3-14 Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose.</p> <p>7 Last day to amend a bill on the Floor</p> <p>14 Last day for any bill to be passed. Interim recess begins upon adjournment.</p>
<p>April</p> <p>9 Legislature reconvenes</p> <p>27 Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills for referral to fiscal committees</p>	<p>October</p> <p>14 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature on or before September 14 and in the Governor's possession after September 14</p>
<p>May</p> <p>11 Last day for policy committees to hear and report non-fiscal bills introduced to the Floor</p> <p>25 Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 11</p>	
<p>June</p> <p>1 Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report bills to the Floor. Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to June 11.</p> <p>4-8 Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose.</p> <p>8 Last day to pass bills out of house of origin</p> <p>11 Committees may resume</p> <p>15 Budget bill must be passed by midnight</p>	<p>January 2008</p> <p>1 Statutes take effect</p> <p>7 Legislature reconvenes</p>

110th United States Congress
2007 Session Calendar

January 4 110 th Congress convenes 15 Senate and House recess for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 16 Senate and House reconvene	July 2-6 Independence Day District Work Period 9 Senate and House reconvene
February 19 President's Day 19-23 Presidents' Day Recess 25 Senate and House reconvene	August 6-Sept 3 Summer District work period
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April 2-13 House District Work Period 2-9 Senate District Work Period	October 26 Target Adjournment Date
May 28- Memorial Day Recess/District Work Period June 1	November 6 Election Day 11 Veterans Day 22 Thanksgiving Day
June 4 Senate and House reconvene	December 5 Hanukkah 25 Christmas Holiday